UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re:

\$ Chapter 11

\$ W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.,

\$ Jointly Administered
Case No. 01-01139 (JKF)

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FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING FEE APPLICATION OF PACHULSKI, STANG, ZIEHL, YOUNG, JONES & WEINTRAUB P.C. FOR THE TENTH INTERIM PERIOD

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the <u>Interim Fee Application of Pachulski</u>, Stang, Ziehl, Young, Jones & Weintraub P.C. for the Tenth Interim Period.

BACKGROUND

- 1. Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young, Jones & Weintraub P.C. ("Pachulski") was retained as local counsel to the debtors. In the Application, Pachulski seeks approval of fees totaling \$63,356.00 and costs totaling \$81,484.14 for its services from July 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003.
- 2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2001, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. 330, Issued January 30,

1996, (the "Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We served on Pachulski an initial report based on our review, and received a response from Pachulski, portions of which response are quoted herein.

DISCUSSION

3. In our initial report, we noted one instance in which PAG (\$235) appears to have duplicate time entries for a total overcharge of \$23.50 in fees.

| 07/02/03 | PAG | Telephone call from J. Butcher regarding filing of motion for summary judgment | 0.10 | \$23.50 |
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The U.S. Bankruptcy Code § 330 (4)(A)(i) states, "[e]xcept as provided in subparagraph (B), the court shall not allow compensation for – (i) unnecessary duplication of services;..." We asked Pachulski to explain this apparent duplication. Pachulski responded as follows:

As Paula Galbraith is no longer with the firm, I have no way of verifying whether the entry is duplicative. As such, we are willing to consent to the proposed reduction of \$23.50 in connection therewith.

We appreciate the response and thus recommend a reduction of \$23.50 in fees.

4. We noted that Pachulski seeks reimbursement for a meal expense totaling \$44.00 for which additional detail is needed.

07/28/03 BM Business Meal– Cavanaugh's Restaurant. (LDJ) \$44.00

The Guidelines Paragraph, II.E.3. states, "[f]actors relevant to a determination that the expense is proper include the following:...3. [w]hether applicant has provided a detailed itemization of all

expense including the date incurred, description of expense (e.g., type of travel, type of fare, rate, destination), method of computation, and where relevant, name of the person incurring the expense and purpose of the expense..." We asked Pachulski to provide additional information, including the number of diners and which meal this represents, so that we might further assess the reasonableness of this expense. Pachulski responded as follows:

The second issue was for an expense of \$44 for a business meal from Cavanaugh's. This was not a meal for one person. It was for lunch on a hearing date (July 28, 2003) and would have been sandwiches for counsel, co-counsel and the client (given the dollar amount it looks like lunch for five people). As such, we think that this expense was reasonable and that we should be reimbursed for it.

We accept this explanation and have no objection to this expense.

CONCLUSION

5. Thus, we recommend approval of fees totaling \$63,332.50 (\$63,356.00 minus \$23.50) and costs totaling \$81,484.14 for Pachulski's services from July 1, 2003, through September 30, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 28th day of January, 2004.

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